

3 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director/Comptroller

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ATTENTION

: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT

: Study of CIA and State Dept. Cables [REDACTED]

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1. Attached are the data which you requested concerning all CIA and State Department messages [REDACTED] received in the Cable Secretariat for the period 281200Z to 302100Z. All times shown are Z time.

2. In some few cases we have had to estimate times since the records available do not reflect the data needed. I believe the estimated times are usable and will not distort the picture. Where we have used estimates, we have so stated, or used an asterisk. CIA cables shown as "not intel" were administrative or operational, and were included in the data only to account for all numbers; they do not affect the study in anyway.

3. The times shown in the columns headed "time received by Cable Secretariat" are considered sufficiently accurate for the study since it is our practice upon receipt of a message with a precedence of priority or higher to notify the person or unit concerned, or to slot a copy for later delivery. This time is recorded on each copy of the cable distributed. The data with respect to CIA messages accounts for the period from time of filing by the Reports Officer in the Field until the TD was given to Signal Center in Washington for transmission to State or, in three cases, until the hard copies were delivered to State in lieu of electrical transmission. Total elapsed times as thus explained are:

CIA TD's to State : 4 hours

State Dept cables to CIA : 1 hour 15 min

The average time of CIA TD's to State would be 3 hours if the 23 hour item were excluded.

4. [REDACTED] I am told, is submitting a report covering in some detail the times pertinent to Commo handling of the CIA Intelligence Reports (TD's). Perhaps it would be well to explain what might appear to be discrepancies when you

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compare the information furnished by the Office of Communications and the Cable Secretariat. There is always some time difference in the time Cable Secretariat records show a message released to Signal Center, and the time their records show that they receive it, and in the time Signal Center releases a message to Cable Secretariat and the time our records show that we receive it. These times are usually small and have been accepted for years as usable in order to avoid time stamping in each of the two offices.

5. The data re CIA cables were prepared by the Intelligence Watch and Cable Secretariat.

6. Attached as requested is a copy of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Cable Secretary

**Attachments:**

A - CIA Cable Receipt Times

B - State Dept Cable Receipt Times

C - [REDACTED] - sent to IW & OC

**Dist:**

O & 1 - addressee

cc - IW

cc - OC

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